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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Christian Benz, et al.)
Serial No.: 09/680,206)
Filed: October 6, 2000)
Examiner: Daniel A. Hess
Group Art Unit: 2876

For: APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATIC MEASUREMENT OF MEASURING FIELDS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND
AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Dear Sir:

This Request for Continued Examination and Amendment is filed in response to an outstanding Office Action (Final Rejection) mailed on September 25, 2002. The requisite fee in connection with a Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is enclosed herewith. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the finality of the outstanding Office Action be withdrawn, and that the present submission be entered and considered. Please amend the application as set forth hereinbelow.

I. AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

Please amend independent claim 1 to read as follows:

1 (Thrice amended). A device for the automatic photoelectric measurement of measuring fields contained on an original, the device comprising:

a housing having an insertion opening for insertion of the original, said original having a front edge and a rear edge;

a transport structure for automatically pulling the original into the housing and for transporting the original along a transport path;

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